<u>Remarks</u>

Applicants have deleted claims 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment before the calculation of the fees and examination is respectfully requested.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0912.

Respectfully submitted,

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